CITY OFFICIALS AND P. S. C. AT WORK TO PREVENT OTHER ACCIDENTS TEN FIREMEN HELD

MAYOR NAMES COMMITTEE ON **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ordered to Begin Shoring Inspection at Once and Report on Weak Spots.

SUBWAY INQUIRY IS TO BE EXHAUSTIVE

in was admitted frankly yesterday tain officials. While they did not be quoted, it was pointed out tements coming from the Public Commission at different times of accidents because of the very the "cut and cover" construche new subways.

H. Whitney, secretary of the

was a greater task than that of because of the treacherous rock other intricate engineering the digging and the steel con-work involved grave risks. e of the repetition of caveins, to an explosion and the other ropping of hundreds of tons of Service Commission evinced the exact cause of the acci-

nces between the municipal offi-and the Public Service Commis-Service Commissioners had members of the Board of Broadway subway at Thirty-street that would serve as a roof e Hudson tube when that tunnel Big Three" of the Board of Esti-had promised that \$75,000 would iven for that project and thus save

ossibility for what happened un-surface, but he admitted a keen for the people in the streets. Company. He divided the engineers into soluted a committee, including two groups in order to facilitate the pointed a committee, including engineers but also other membris official family, to conserve fety of the people. Their duty investigate the engineering conchiefly respecting the shoring of se street and paving in the converk being done by the United Reaky and Improvement Committee contracts are for the say subway from Twenty-sixth to a point between Thirty-eighth intra-ninth streets and the sections Seventh avenue line from Comstreet north to Sixteenth street north to dirst street.

The segment is not considered and broadway. After some difficulty they got through the police lines and colleged the flow of the southern branch of the Seventh avenue line; I. Q. Shipman, in charge of the flowdway work, and R. H. Jacobs and H. J. Alexander.

The engineers started out in automobiles. Then the Mayor, accompanied by Mr. Bruere and Mr. Rousseau, hurried first to the excavation at Thirty-eighth street and Broadway. After some difficulty they got through the police lines and collimbed down a ladder. Dodging in and out between the uprights and the

o him. Upon the report of set as to any weak spots he mediate action and set of the situation for him-

under the supervision of Leonard alistein. Commissioner of Acwino has authority to go into ase of the conditions that may boards. f value either to the Mayor or

The attitude of the Mayor was made explosion on Wednesday at Seventh avenue and Twenty-fourth street. He went the Bar Association last evening aforth were the ground carefully, though he had conferences with the members visited it once before and got an idea committee and after he had gone of the manner in which the explosion had not only knocked out part of the

had not only knocked out part of the shoring but had started other parts of the shoring but had started other parts of the construction work to collapse, Going to the Bar Association, he had a luncher and that I could from the Police in the construction work to collapse, Going to the Bar Association, he had a luncher all that I could from the Police in the port of his engineers, who also munched sandwiches while compiling their report. hieular traffic be temporarily sus-ended over all streets in which the ited States Realty and Improvement temporary structure in the tunnel work.

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also arranged last night for a con-tee of engineers to be held this nce of engineers to be held ing at the Bar Association. At the

engineers were directed to proermined whether the traffic can safely resumed and what precautions are essary to insure continued safety.

have further instructed the Com-oner of Accounts to make, through sedium of those and such other entheers as may be added, a careful inrestigation into the safety of all street
surfaces under which construction work
s going on, where permanent steel is not
installed, and to report to me condissions and recommendations. The
commissioner is instructed, incidentily, to



A BOVE, the cavein at the northwest corner of how the street car tracks in the middle of the

picture sag, and also the police lines stretching Broadway and Thirty-eighth street, looking across Thirty-ninth street. Below, the bottom of north, from just below Thirty-eighth street. Note the subway excavation, showing the taxicab that fell

plained afterward he went not as an expert but as a layman, so that he could get an-idea of the situation for himself.

From there he went in au automobile to Christopher street, where he made an inspection of the country of the co He has told the committee that sires them to go through all the work now being done, study the street but as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments and the layman so that he could be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed under comments and the layman so that he could be resumed as the street and Little West Fourth traffic may be resumed under comments as a layman so that he could be resumed to the comments and the street and Little west fourth traffic may be resumed under comments and the street and Little west fourth traffic may be resumed under comments and the street and Little west fourth traffic may be resumed under comments.

> which reasonable prudence would indi-cate as advisable. The engineers tell me that the work which they recommend, begun immediately and prosecuted simul-taneously at all these points, can be concluded within twenty-four hours. I have instructed the Police Commissio

to control traffic in accordance with the recommendations submitted to me. "Will you please take this matter up "I have requested this board of en-

After a long discussion with ble Service Commission and others sent. Later after a conference with Police Commissioner I directed that lic Service Commissioners embodying his licular traffic be temporarily susded over all streets in which the licy of thorough investigation of all the gendations from time to time as soon as follows: I receive them. Very respectfully yours,
"JOHN PURROY MITCHEL."

"September 26, 1915. Hon. Edward E. McCall, Chairman Public Service Commission, New York City. "DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: As you know,

Seventh Avenue Visited.

He next inspected the scene of the

lyisory board with Nelson F. Lewis as I appointed this morning a board of ad-airman to advise me and assist and visory engineers, with Nelson P. Lewis to advise me and assist and visory engineers, with Nelson P. Lewis with the Commissioner of as chairman, to examine the shoring and supporting structure of the street sur-faces within those areas of subway cononce to all cross-town traffic and make a careful examination affects of the shoring and supportof the safety of the shoring and support-ing structure, in order that it may be "I appreciate the ready cooperation of our commission in assigning its en-

essary to insure continued safety. gineering representatives to accompany the engineers will also examine into report to me upon the safety of the orting structure at all other points along all streets where traffic has suspended as fast as the inspectan be made.

Thirty-fourth street and Sixth avenue, Thirty-fourth street and Seventh avenue, Broadway and Twenty-ninth street, Broadway and Twenty-eighth street, Seventh avenue and Twenty-eighth street. Seventh avenue and Twenty-third street.

once given to meet the views embodied in the report at all street crossings set

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From there he went in au automobile to Christopher street, where he made a slow rate of speed, and provided further that the contractor take immediate steps to inspection of shoring that had been regarded as dangerous. He was told that the surface cars, travelling on rails and going at an even rate of speed, were not such a great burden to the shoring that the surface cars, travelling on rails and going at an even rate of speed, were not such a great burden to the shoring that the surface cars travelling on rails and going at an even rate of speed, were not such a great burden to the shoring that the surface cars, travelling on rails and going at an even rate of speed, were not such a great burden to the shoring that the surface cars, travelling on rails and going at an even rate of speed, and provided further that the contractor take immediate steps to install additional bracing and posts.

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RULES FOR VEHICLES.

night Some Restricted Areas.

passage of automobile trucks weighing nue line. It will be some time, three tons or more unloaded and all ever, before the other lines will "I have requested this board of each gineers to make a like examination as speedily as possible of all construction work where street surfaces are supported by wooden structure and will ported by wooden structure and will ported by wooden structure and recomplete structure and will struction where steel has not been at Thirty-eighth street, which was the ported by wooden structure and recomplete structure are structure and will be in complete service.

The business of the Hotel Normandle, at Thirty-eighth street, which was the peadquarters of the Police Department.

Whitehall street-From Bridge and Stone streets to the south side of Battery "JOHN PURROY MITCHEL."

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Mr. McCall's Answer.

After considering the Mayor's letter until after midnight, the Commissioners agreed upon a reply, written by Chairman McCall, in which it was explained that the Mayor's suggestions would be carried into effect. The letter follows:

"My Dear Me. Mayor: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of to-day conveyins to me in substance the report of the committee of engineers appointed by you after your conference."

"John Purroy Mitchel.."

Stone streets to the south side of Battery place.

Broadway—From the north side of Eleventh street to the north side of Twenty-third street to the north side of Twenty-third street to the south side of Twenty-seventh street to the north side of Eleventh street, from the north side of Eleventh street; from the north side of Twenty-third street to the north side of Twenty-seventh street to the north side of Eleventh street; from the north side of Twenty-seventh street to the north side of Twenty-sevent to Twenty-seventh street to the north side of Twenty-seventh street to the nor

Soventh avenue—From Eleventh street to Twelfth street; from Seventeenth street to Nineteenth street; from Seventeenth street to Nineteenth street; from Twenty-second street to Twenty-ninth street; from Thirty-third street to Trity-fourth street; from Thirty-fifth street to Forty-first street from Fifty-third street to Fifty-ninth street; from the north side of Fourteenth street to the north side of Sixteenth street; Fifty-ninth street—From Fifth to Sixth "Immediately upon its receipt I referred it to our chief engineer and went into conference with my fellow Commissioners. We were unanimously of the opinion that, owing to the stop-page of all traffic the matter of primary page of all traffic the matter of primar

page of all traffic the matter of primary importance was action on the suggestion of the committee in such a way as to bring about an immediate resumption of street car operations, without stopping for the moment to consider fully what must be done ultimately to allow our construction to proceed.

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West Fourth street, and at the street, that the public may feel and know crossing at Seventh avenue and Twenty- for their comfort and protection there

able for through traffic. When he heard of the Mayor's suggestions he was alarmed, for unless they were disregarded it meant that the surface lines disrupted this morning.

There was a long conference last night Schmittberger Announces at Mid-

recommendations submitted to me.

"Will you please take this matter up and take steps to require the contractors to adopt these measures of safety im
The police are instructed to prevent the

and of the Public Service Comp was interfered with to a certain extent. Excepting the Hotel Marlborough, there are no hotels in the district immediately affected by the police ropes. The Knickerbocker Theatre will not be permitted to do business for a few days, though the Casino is expected to open to-night, using a side street entrance The body of the woman who was killed in the taxleab was identified yesterday as that of Mrs. Estelle Tomaselli of Havana. Mrs. Tomaselli was an Amer-ican girl who had been spending her summers here. When in she lived with Mrs. Mary Bertagua of the identification at the Morgue

REPORT BY P. S. C.

On in Broadway.

between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth disasters in Seventh avenue and Broad-damage to cultivation, but the road-streets:

"South of Twenty-seventh are the cultivation way. Copies of the resolutions were were badly cut up and the rivers flooded Beekman street—From Nassau street to
William street—From Beekman street to
William street—From Beekman street to
Thirty-first street, excavation completed,
Continue supported on timbers; steel

Tonstruction of the new subways is which the jurisdiction of the plane Service Commission, and I have area between Twenty-sixth grither tecommends that for the Tix further recommends that for the Commission's jurisdictions where and the care of the city's streets, however, and the care of the city's streets, however, of the people of the city who we lien are matters of my concern as when the same be installed at one intermediate the same that the same be installed at one intermediate the same be installed at one intermediate to assist the public street. Some of the lives are desired to interfer in mattern lying within the commission in preventing in the flar and first the commission in preventing in the flar and first the same be installed at one intermediate to a sister.

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Beaver street closed to Pearl street.

West Broadway—From Varick street to Duane street.

Varick street—From Beach street to Canal street.

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Thirty-first street, excavation completed, decking supported on timbers; steel to Charlet from Colon. She was caught in the city for indorsement.

The Central Federated Union asserts that it had warned the public time and aged and baggage of the deck passengers was lost.

AS TOWN FIREBUGS BROADWAY'S BIG GAP

DRAWS OUT CROWDS as Cause for Setting Houses Ablaze.

Ten members of the Hartsdale volunteer fire department, some of them boys, appearance and manners walked into and one of the village policemen are Police Headquarters last night and with locked up in the Westchester county jail a pronounced Southern accent announced

Police lines within police lines confronted the early risers yesterday who flocked toward Broadway to see the big hole they had read about at breakfast. If one were fortunate enough to hold a police card or fire badge one might have got into the restricted zone of Broadway between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-ninth streets, but once Inside the lines even holders of police and fire permits were forbidden to walk across the more dangerous sections of the plank roadway along the east side of Broadway.

Mayor Mitchel himself was held up by a patrolman when he arrived at the scene of the accident during the forenon and attempted to walk south on the east side of Broadway. They had planned another, noon and attempted to walk south on the east side of Broadway from the east side of Broadway.

Thirty-spith streets carner. The Mayor of the plank roads the fire house after an evening during the last ten years he had defrauded Bishop Cleland Kinloch Nelson, Episcopal Bishop of Georgia, out of \$15,000 by raising checks which he had handled as Bishop Nelson's secretary. He said his mane was deorge C. Stow-ter, that he was 30 years old and lived in Atlanta, Ga.

At first the police were inclined to doubt the man's story, but finally he convinced Detective Vaughan that he had indeed suscumbed to his liking for fine clothes, rich food, travel and the life of expensive heles, and had stolen from his employer. At the Biltmore, where Stowers registered on September 16 and still owes \$200, were found quantities of well made clothes and no little jewelry.

Hole and one of the westchester county jail in their automobile hose cart.

Sheriff Wiesendanger says that he has confessions from eight or nine of the prisoners, in which they tell of having started two fires within the last ten years he had defrauded Bishop Occidents on \$15,000 by raising checks which he had handled as Bishop Nelson's secretary. He said his mane denoted to \$15,000 by raising checks which he had handled as Bishop Nelson's ter, that he was 30 years old and lived in

Reckless Sightseers Keep the Police Busy Pushing

Them Back.

SECOND SCARE AT DUSK

is the Hotel Normandie. No one except pass holders may approach the Normandie from the Broadway side, but because of side entrances to the hotel on Thirty-eighth street the Normandie management is able to keep the hotel open.

Frank Dalton, 21, a hackman.

Samuel Dalton, 27, also a hackman.

John Nicholson, 22, a stepbrother of Eastner, an automobile repair man.

Joseph O'Connor, 23, who owns a Hotel at Seventh avanuate parage.

youth at the edge of the hole who were a card in his hat which did not smack of officialdom. Closer inspection showed that the card was a ticket to a clambake to be held at Clason's Point. The ticket and the young man attached to it were removed hurriedly outside the lines.

Business losses resulting from the interruption of street traffic will fall man Faston. The pinchole game, according to the story the Sheriff says was told to him, lost its savor and the young men gathered in the house longed young men gathered in the house longed to a real fire. The Sheriff says that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was believed George Lary, who could be say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was say that for a real fire. The Sheriff says was say that for a real fire. The sheriff says was say that for a real fire. The sheriff says was say that for a

business losses resulting from the interruption of street traffic will fall heaviest upon the shopkeepers on the west side of Broadway between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-inth streets and along the east sidewalk from Thirty-ninth street for at least two blocks south. No one could be found yesterday who could say definitely when the sidewalk along the affected section of Broadway would be reopened to pedestrians.

WATER PIPE STARTS **NEW SUBWAY SCARE**

the heart of Manhattan would be Break Sends Flood Pouring

yesterday afternoon at 4:55 o'clock and thep lace got going well and went back a stream of water gushed into the new to the fire house. That fire was seen first

Rector and Greenwich streets blew off yesterday afternoon at 4:55 o'clock and a stream of water gushed into the new subway excavation.

Within twenty minutes the Water Department had turned off the water. The flow was shut off in time to prevent the undermining of the shoring supporting the Greenwich street and the Ninth avenue elevated structure. Within that brief time too Frank Hedley, general manager of the Interborough, Public Service Commissioners Hayward and Ridgeway, Travis Whitney, secretary of the commission: Police Commissioner Woods and Chief Inspector Max, Schmittherger, all apprehensive of a third subway disaster, were on the scene. A score of minor police officials, fire chiefs, Building and Water Department men and inspectors from the gas and electric light companies also arrived, ready for a fight with the water.

"Not a timber undermined or shifted"

ADMITS HE ROBBED BISHOP OF \$15,000

Itch to Fight Flames Given Secretary to Right Rev. C. K. Nelson of Georgia Seeks Out Police to Confess.

POLICEMAN IS ACCUSED OWES \$200 AT BILTMORE

noon and attempted to walk south on the east side of Broadway from the Thirty-ninth street corner. The Mayor, the newspaper men and others with business to attend to around the hole were shunted off to the west side of Broadway, where one could go south by hugging the building line along a narrow strip of roped off sidewalk.

Fond hopes had been entertained by

see who should apply the torch to the given to-night.

But from the Casino Theatre south for a block rymer to the Casino block rymer are to the offices above the Knicker-bocker Theatre and the candy shop next to the Knicker-bocker Theatre and the candy shop next to the Knicker-bocker Theatre and the candy shop next to the Knicker-bocker Theatre and the candy shop next to the Knicker-bocker Will not be able to open for days. "The Blue Paradise" at the Casino will be given to-night.

But from the Casino Theatre south for a block two millinery shops, a Western Union branch office, the Broadway entrance to the offices above the Knicker-bocker will be out of commission for at least a day or two while repairs are made to the sagging side-walk on the east side of Broadway. For the same period a block of two story buildings on the west side of the treet, is the Hotel Normandie. No one exist the Hotel Normandie. No one

mandle management is able to keep the hotel open.

Toward night those in charge of the work of clearing out the caved in space became apprehensive lest the plant, roadway directly in the centre of the corners of Thirty-eighth street and Broadway, just south of the pit, should cave in also. So unstable did it appear that all workmen were called out from under it, and a strict police guard was maintained to prevent any one stepping upon it.

The part of planking which seemed particularly dangerous was in the west side of the crossing, in front of the Haman shoe store on the southwest Thirty-eighth street and in front of the Haman shoe store on the southwest corner.

Inspector Morris had eighty policemen on hand to keep the throng at a safe distance. Early in the day the police started in to investigate the values cards and badges which some of the started in to investigate the values cards and badges which some of the spectra of the department devote much of the folks inside the police lines were sporting. Hardly had the levestigation started when a policeman came upon a youth at the edge of the hole who wore a card in his hat which did not smake of officialdom. Closer inspection showed that the seal of the cards and badges. Which some of the sporting that the day the police and the proposition of the latter was that in the Randolph started when a policeman came upon a youth at the edge of the hole who wore a card in his hat which did not smake of officialdom. Closer inspection showed that the seal of the heads of the hole who wore a card in his hat which did not smake of officialdom. Closer inspection showed that the seal of the heads of the

Speaking of

Assortments

at Saks'

This season, more

than ever before, the

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themselves an exhibition

of the choicest weaves

and colorings of both

home and foreign looms.

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sacked every available

source of supply, assem-

bling for your individual

selection a range of

choice which embraces

all the rainbow riches

But that is only half

the story—the manner

of their tailoring and

and that half is so admirably done that we

might be justified in

calling it the whole thing. No other clothes like

them for style, and none

to approach them for

variety.

style is the other half-

of color and design.

They are great!

paratus and they did a good job on that blaze. Put it but in no time. Second House Burns Down. That was so successful that a short

Eastner struck it. Drury drove the

Break Sends Flood Pouring

Into Greenwich Street

Excavation.

A cap on a six inch water pipe leading from a twelve linch street main to a hydrant on the southwest corner of Rector and Greenwich streets blew off yesterday afternoon at 4:55 p'clock and a stream of the way back decided that as the Randolph fire had turned out so well they would have another blaze. This time they picked the Stebbins homestead, an olid place owned by Thomas Simpson of New York, which was worth a lot of money once.

"When they got back to Hartsdale they picked up Eastner and took him down near the fire gong. Then they drove out to the Stebbins place, piled paper up near the fireplace and lit it, drove around a few minutes to see that they lace got going well and went back

the extinction of their own, which con "Not a timber undermined or shifted."
ras Mr. Hayward's summary of the tunation.

The men under arrest will be arraigned to-day before a justice of the peace in Greenburg. .

CRITICISED BY LABOR. JAMAICA SWEPT BY GALES.

sent to the various unions throughout the city for indersement.

The United Fruit steamer Almirante arrived at noon to-day, a day overdue from Colon. She was caught in the

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